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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN: JORDANIAN CONTRIBUTION TO EXHIBIT  
ON WESTERN CIVILIZATION

REFERENCE: LETTER FROM DONALD ORTNER TO AMBASSADOR,  
OCTOBER 12, 1977

1. DR. DONALD J. ORTNER, CURATOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY, WROTE  
REF LETTER TO AMBASSADOR EXPRESSING APPRECIATION  
FOR ASSISTANCE BY EMBASSY STAFF IN CONNECTION WITH  
ARCHEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK AT BAB-EDH-DHRA, AND REPORTING  
SAFE ARRIVAL WASHINGTON OF MATERIAL FROM THERE GIVEN  
BY JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT FOR USE IN NEW SMITHSONIAN  
PERMANENT EXHIBIT ON RISE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

2. DR. ORTNER LEARNED FROM SAUER OF ACOR IN AMMAN  
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THAT ROYAL FAMILY, PARTICULARLY CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, KEENLY  
INTERESTED IN HAVING JORDANIAN ANTIQUITIES EXHIBITED  
IN IMPORTANT FOREIGN MUSEUMS.

3. OPENING OF NEW EXHIBITION NOW SET FOR JUNE 8 AT  
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, AND SMITHSONIAN WOULD

BE PLEASED TO INVITE HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN AND/OR  
CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, TO  
ATTEND OFFICIAL OPENING.

4. SMITHSONIAN REQUESTS EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON FEASIBILITY  
AND PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING SUCH INVITATION. OF COURSE,  
SPECIAL TOUR CAN BE ARRANGED AT ANY OTHER TIME IF THAT  
CONSIDERED MORE APPROPRIATE. VANCE

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